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Student Survival Guide

Career Center:

CSUN representative will be on campus Oct.10, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. by appointment in the Career Center.

Appointments to see representatives may be scheduled three working days prior to each visit at the Counseling Dept. counter.

The annual Valley College and University Information Day will take place Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Monarch Square. Representatives from public and private 4-year institutions will be present to speak with prospective transfer students. Contact Barbara Goldberg, Ext.246.

Counseling Center:

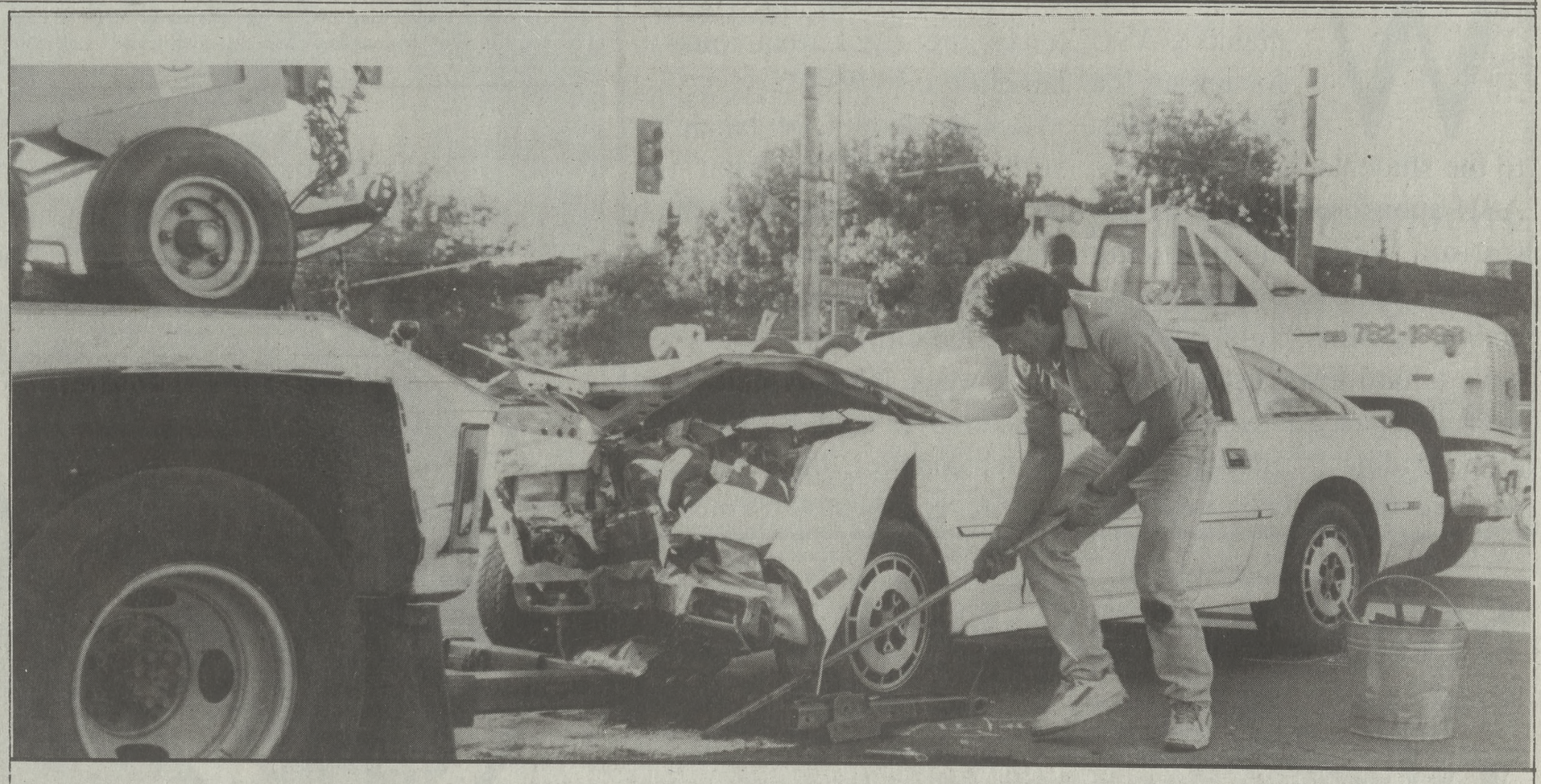
Tuesday workshop series Oct. 11 "Transferring to a CSU" by Mike Saluzzi.

Learning Center:

Oct. 11 study skills workshop "Time Management." Workshops take place in the Cafeteria Conference Room, noon to 1 p.m.

Health Center:

Blood Drive Oct. 11 and 14, 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. in Monarch Hall. Contact Health Services 780-0652.



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Valley Campus Police and the LAPD reported another automobile accident on the corner of Fulton Ave. and Oxnard Blvd.

ASU stokes a new flame in the Fireside Room

Funds remaining from last semester were used to improve the interior of the student's on-campus study hall.

By AARON DORN
Valley Star Staff Writer

The Fireside Room has recently been painted, and is now open for student use. By the end of the semester, the Associated Student Union (ASU) would like to have a new or repaired carpet and new furniture in the Fireside Room.

Located in Monarch Hall, across the hallway from ASU offices, the Fireside Room is a quiet room for study and socializing, designated for student use.

The room is furnished with several chairs and tables and has a few sofas. It is open Monday through Friday during school hours, and is sometimes open as early as 6 a.m. and closed as late as 10 p.m.

Because of chipping paint, graffiti and water stains, ASU had the room painted. "It started looking gloomy in there, so we added a lighter shade of paint to brighten things up," said ASU Vice President Jessie Dominguez. Money used to paint the Fireside Room was acquired from ASU funds left over from last semester. The task of painting the room was scheduled to be completed over the summer, but it was done two weeks into the fall semester.

While painting the Fireside Room was the number one priority, Dominguez mentioned that ASU would like to clean the room's carpet, and add some refurbished chairs, tables and sofas. "We're looking into the possibility of getting the carpet cleaned first, and if it looks bad after that, we'll look into getting a good deal on a new carpet. Our main goal is to make the Fireside Room presentable to the students."

Angie Pelayo, Director of Public Relations for ASU commented on the Fireside Room, "It's one of the only places where you can actually sit and study without all of the noise."

Plans to paint the ASU offices have temporarily been put on hold. Dominguez said, "By the end of the semester we would like to have everything painted, all the furniture ordered, and a new or repaired carpet. It's all for the benefit of the students."

Crime Report

The following incidents occurred between Sept. 26 and Oct. 2.

Indecent Exposure:

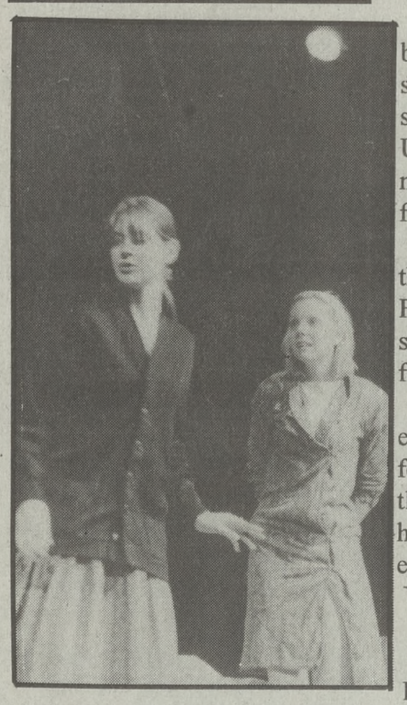
A male exposed himself to a female student between the Foreign Language Building and the Physics Building. The student reported the incident to campus police. Police have a description and are investigating.

Petty Theft:

A student textbook was reported stolen.

A Stolen Vehicle:

A 1970 Nissan 240Z was reported stolen from parking lot D.



Sally and Marsha: The Review (See page 4...)

Valley rocks the vote

By GREGG GOLDSTEIN
Valley Star Staff Writer

In an effort to inform Valley students of items being voted on in the November elections, a political forum called Rock the Vote was held on Sept. 28 to present issues on the ballot, and to encourage Valley students to vote.

Booths were set up in Monarch Square to pass out information on issues and ballot propositions. Propositions included number 186, the California Health Security Act, which is NOT the Clinton Health Care plan, and is endorsed by the Older Women's League of California and California Physicians Alliance.

Another proposition was number 188, the California Uniform Tobacco Control Law, sponsored by the Philip Morris Tobacco Company. No, on 188 is sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Also at the forum was a booth for Democratic absentee registration.

"In the 1990 Gubernatorial race, Wilson had a 250,000 vote lead over Feinstein before the election, all because of absentee votes," said Barry Cohen, Field Organizer for Kathleen Brown. "We're out here to try and compete for the absentee vote this year," said Cohen.

A booth was also set up by the Libertarian Party to pass out information about their candidates in the coming election.

The booth was run by Erich Miller, the Libertarian candidate for Congress in the 26th California District. "I'm here to let people know they have an option." said Miller.

Alex Szuch/Valley Star
Rock the Vote's absentee voter registration booth in Valley's Monarch Square.

News Notes

The Patrons Association:

Transworld Bank is offering a scholarship for $250 for each semester the recipient attends Valley for a maximum for four semesters. Applicants should be planning a career in education. Applications may be obtained from the office of Community Relations in Admin.Bldg. 100.

Oct. 11, Earth Science Dept. Lecture series continues "Australia: The Island Continent" by Ray Sumner, at noon in MS113.

Editorial

200 more students can Rock the Vote in '94!

We owe our thanks to ASU for taking the vote directly to the students. Last week was ASU sponsored "Voter Registration Week" held during classes. This is Democracy in action. In other countries they have a hard time, usually with the ruling party, to even vote, let alone to register. Students need to have their voices heard so that the decision makers can make the right decisions to benefit the students.

Action should be taken by students to know what the issues are and to decide which candidate is best. Here at Valley we have a community of 14,000 citizens.

Last week 200 students were registered to vote. We have the power to make a difference. So, let's get out there and vote!

Christopher Columbus is no saint

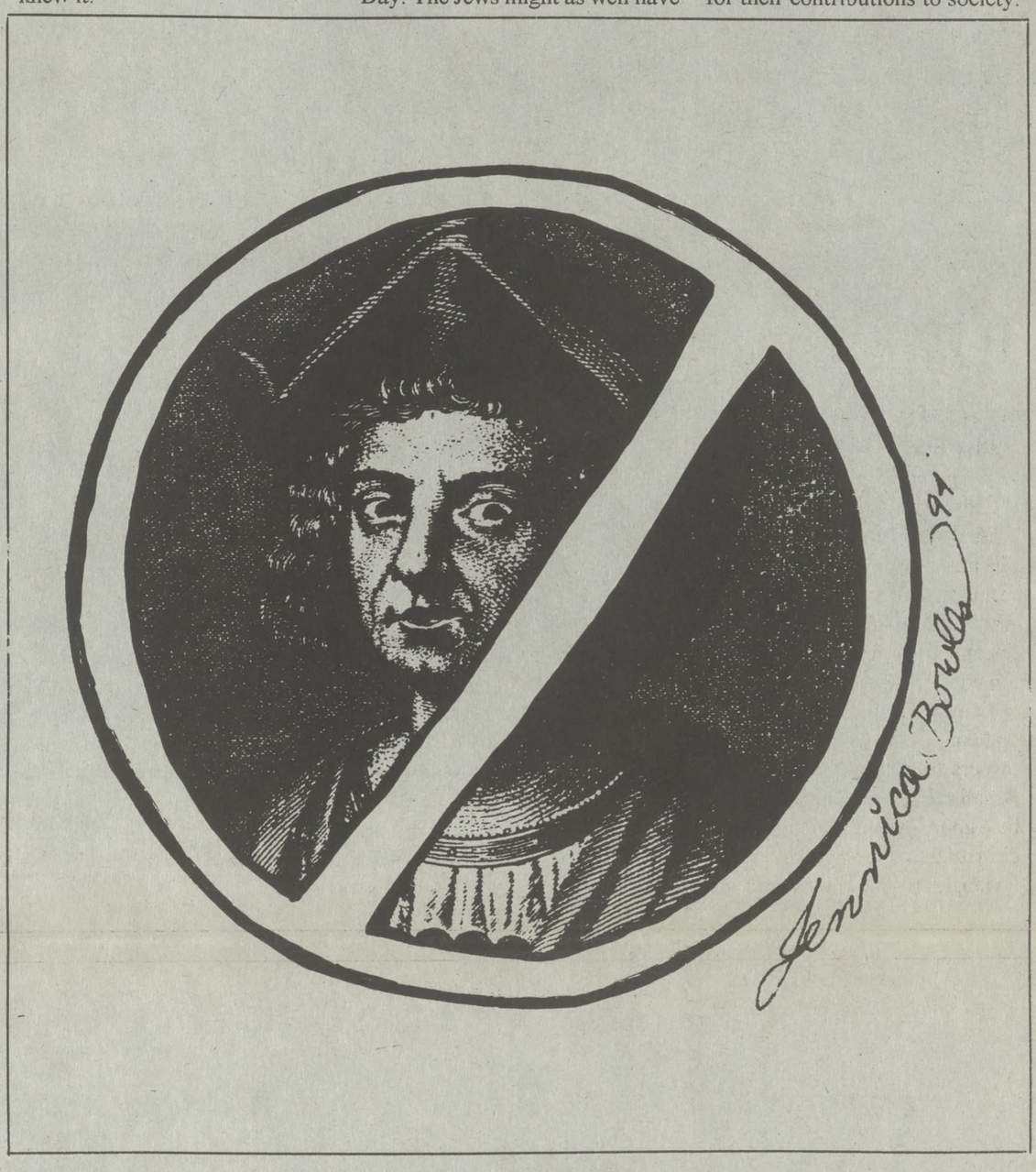
By NORMAN BRETZ
Opinion Editor

I believe celebrating Columbus Day is a slap in the face to every Native American. Five hundred years ago Columbus was trying to discover a western trade route to India. Instead, he landed off the North American continent. The natives were peaceful and greeted him with open arms, not knowing this was the end of their culture as they knew it.

I read in the book, published by Opposing Viewpoints, "Christopher Columbus and His Legacy," that the contact between Native Americans and the discoverers unleashed diseases that killed 90 percent of the Natives the first century after contact.

The Catholic Church wanted to make Columbus a saint. The United States Government may have had an agreement with the Spanish Government, for political reasons, to celebrate Columbus Day. The Jews might as well have had a day set aside celebrating Adolf Hitler and his atrocities committed during World War II.

Those countries that followed Spain, committed genocide and slavery and raped the Native Americans. The Native American people were denied the right to practice their religions. The Native Americans really got screwed! They are almost non-existent in today's society. Let Spain celebrate Columbus Day. We should start appreciating the Native Americans for their contributions to society.



Stray cat attacks squirrel

By S.L. SALAMONE
Editor-In-Chief

I get to school very early almost every morning, and on almost every morning I see a person feeding the stray cats on campus. A lot of people do.

There are big and little bowls filled with ant-infested cat food. I even see what must be somebody's left-overs on paper plates put down for the cats; they're always crawling with ants too. I frequently see canned cat food spread out on paper plates. The cats eat the food and the paper plate is left to blow away. They usually blow under the shrubbery. There is a filthy, dirty mess under the trees and it stinks.

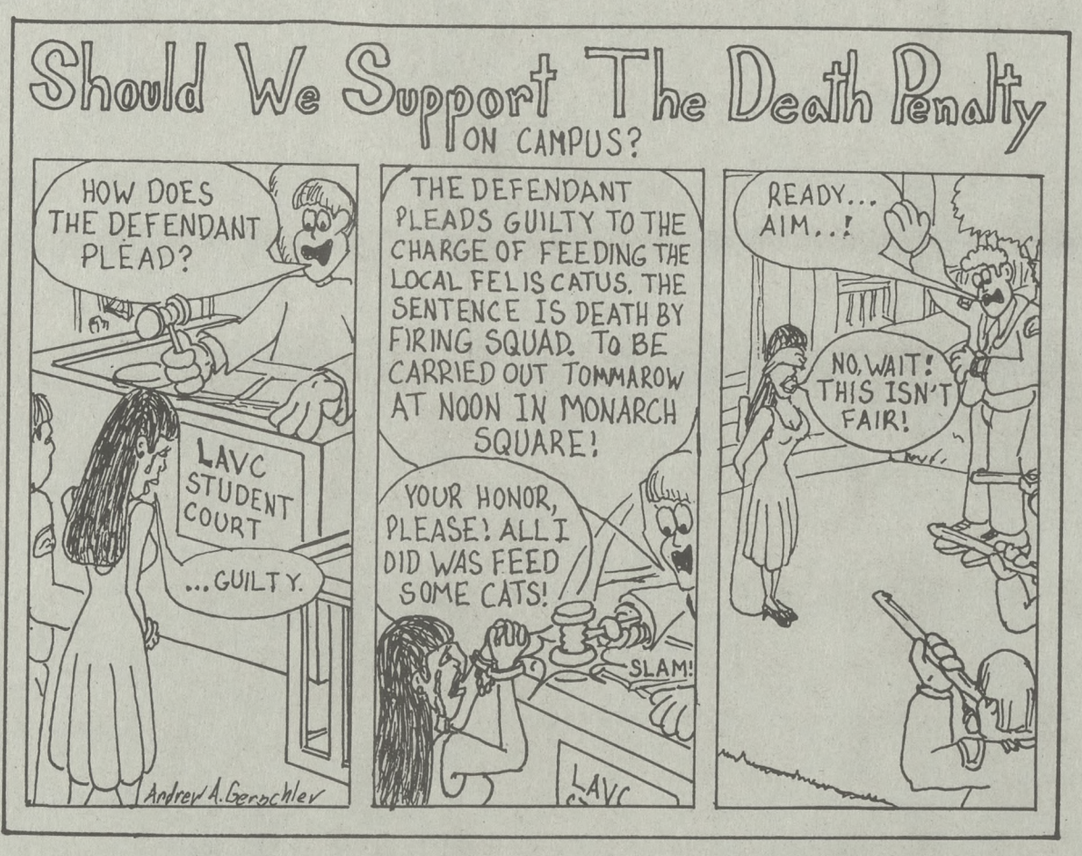
I have no problem with paper plates and the filth and the stink. I'll be going to a university soon. Some people who live and work here seem to like to live with the filth and the stink, and that's certainly their choice. What *does* bother me happened the other day.

I was walking along the walkway just outside Bungalow 25, heading toward the Math Science Building. I was with another student. Out of the trees fell this giant fur ball. It was a cat with its claws wrapped around a full grown squirrel.

The squirrel was screaming. The two hit the ground and were rolling around when my friend stepped in quickly to intervene. The two animals separated. The cat disappeared under the bushes and the squirrel dashed up a tree.

It stopped about half-way up. I could see that the squirrel had claw marks in its fur. Its sides were heaving as it breathed in and out, and it had that terrified look in its eyes that only animals can have.

I will never forget the awful screaming that came from that squirrel. I spoke with the campus gardeners last semester, and they told me that there used to be ground nesting birds here. I guess the squirrels are going to go the way of the ground nesting birds eventually.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Andrew A. Gerschler

Letters

Dear Editor,

If Richard Moyer wants a clue on why morale on campus is so low, Moyer should start by asking the students. Moyer could start by asking me. I began my quest to return to school full-time in mid-summer. Once I made my decision to enroll, I hit the problem of finding classes available or open. So I enrolled both at Valley and Pierce.

At this point, I don't know if I can afford to be in school with $500 worth of books and supplies on my charge card. I followed up on my responsibility for financial aid and found I had been lied to regarding where my application was. Just last week, I learned they lost it. Now that we are past the point of dropping classes without receiving a Big Bad "W" on my transcript, I felt stuck.

Some student workers have bad attitudes. One guy who thought he was Uncle Sam himself, rudely took it upon himself to tell me that my BOEG waver was money from the tax-payer.

The worst thing though is the attitudes of teachers who are forever reminding you that you are lucky to be getting an education. In one of my classes, the teacher was so mean during the first couple sessions that a third of the class dropped. This teacher yelled at me with criticisms that were past any professional critique of work. I went home crying. Out in the real world, if I had ever treated my co-workers or customers the way I've been treated, I'd be fired on the spot. I am now considering dropping the two classes that are craziness and accept W's. If that means no financial aid, then maybe I'll just forget the whole college idea.

Christine Takacs

I'm very pleased that the Valley Star continues to print information about events for students which our center sponsors.

It is a great help to us and an important service to students. While I'm aware that the paper cannot possibly print everything submitted, I would like to request better proofing of what is printed such as the Sept. 29 issue Student Survival Guide, copy attached.

Barbara Goldberg
Director Career/Transfer Center

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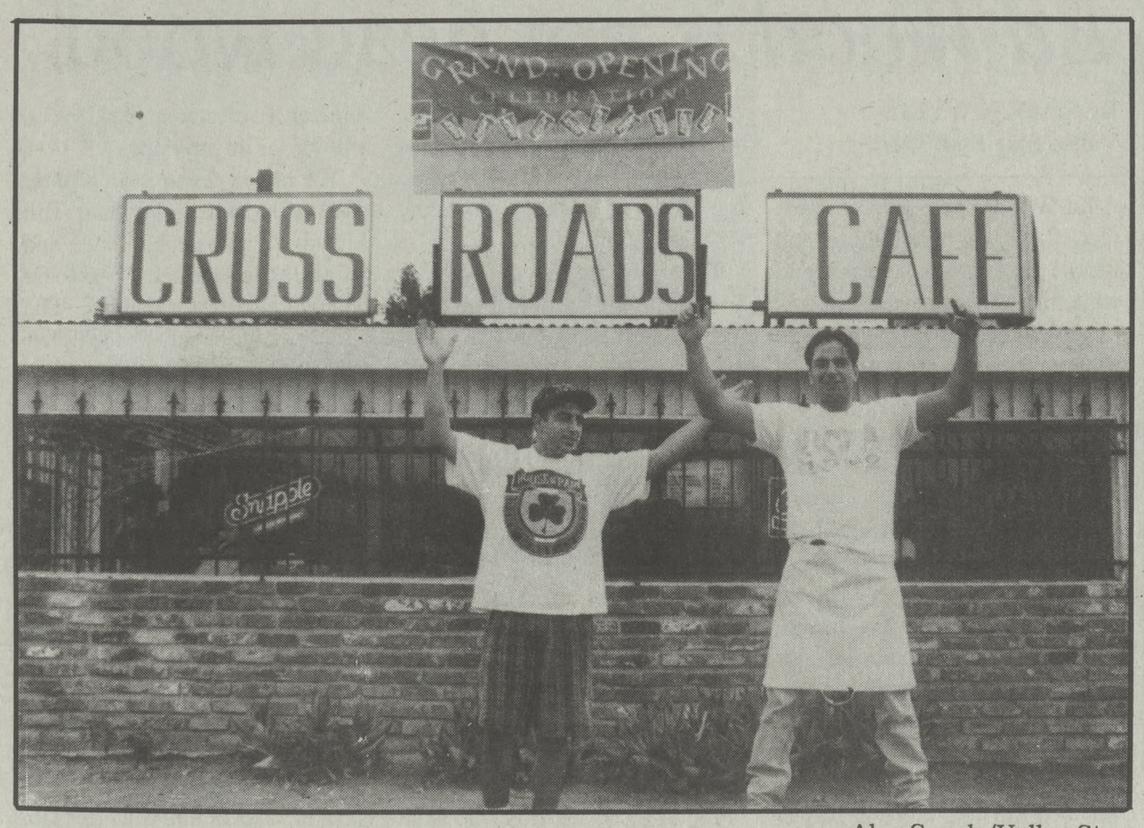

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Crossroad Cafe owners Michael Nahass and Jimmy Assali stand proudly.

Old cafe on a new track

By JESSICA ASSAD
Valley Star Staff Writer

Crossroads Cafe located on the corner of Burbank and Fulton Avenue has new owners, a new menu, and new fame, as the cafe was used by Bon Jovi in their upcoming commercial for their album.

Jimmy Assali, 28 and Michael Naham, 24 have been the new owners of the cafe since July 1. Assali said, "We thought it would be a good investment since it's so close to the school." Intentions of owning a restaurant weren't deliberate, however.

According to Michael, "We heard through the grapevine at our church that George (the previous owner) was selling his place because he was getting too old to keep it up. The next thing we knew, we were working eighteen hours a day to remodel the place."

"We realize that because George didn't keep this place up, people were really turned off by the atmosphere. Hopefully, people will realize it has changed and give us chance," Naham said.

The restaurant's menu is a simple one, including burgers, fries and hot dogs. They also have a breakfast menu. Crossroads opens daily at 7 a.m. and has various closing times, but it never closes before 4 p.m.

Seating is ample, including tables inside and out. There are also daily specials for under $6 which include a sandwich with fries and a drink.

Sept. 22 marked an exciting day for the Crossroads Cafe. It was used as one of the many sights the band Bon Jovi will be using in their upcoming commercial promoting their new album "Crossroad."

The last step on the way out

By NETTA GLAZE
Valley Star Staff Writer

Students planning to graduate next semester need to go to the Graduation Office, located in the Admissions Building, and fill out a "graduation pack", which consists of prices for graduation portraits, cap and gown photos, class rings, commencement day photos and senior breakfast information.

The deadline to turn in the packet is Oct. 28, the graduation ceremony is held on May 25 in Monarch Hall. Sue Hoult works in the Graduation Office and said, "Students should plan ahead."

The Graduation Office is the last step for students planning to leave Valley with an AA or AS degree.

The office evaluates student records to make sure students have met all the requirements for the degree they want. The office also certifies lower division (freshman and sophomore years) general education requirements for California State Universities.

Students planning to transfer must also fill out a graduation pack and must state if they are transferring to a University of California or a California State University because the requirements are different.

To graduate, students need a minimum of 60 units whether they are following "Plan A" which consists of more general education and less required courses for your major, or "Plan B" which concentrates more on your major. You must also have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in all courses attempted. To transfer, students must have 56 transferrable units.

The Patrons build a foundation with the local community

By JEANETTE GOLDBERG
Valley Star Staff Writer

The Patrons Association is a nonprofit college foundation whose purpose is to benefit Valley College. A variety of private individuals, as well as foundations in the local community, donate funds to the college through the association.

Money is donated for a number of reasons; to honor someone, to start a scholarship, in memory of someone, or to assist a program a donor was once part of.

The association also helps the college with its relationship with the local area and business community. Dennis Reed, head of the Community Resources Department said, "We want the college to be well thought of, and we want our students to be employable when they graduate from Valley, and businesses can assist us."

Beginning this summer, the Alliance for Advancement of Education (AAE) has donated well over $400,000 through the association, for the establishment and operation of the Writing Center.

First time college students now have an opportunity for scholarship assistance through a $50,000 gift to the association from the Hafif Family Foundation. Herbert Hafif (pronounced "half") was a runaway at 14. With the help of community colleges, Hafif went on to graduate from the University of Southern California Law School and has been named one of the most influential lawyers in the United States by the National Law Journal. Hafif scholarship winners receive $1000 each.

The association also secured a $25,000 gift from Rotary District 5260 to replace essential science equipment damaged in the January earthquake.

This gift will replace several important instruments used in the life science program, as well as four telescopes needed for astronomy instruction.

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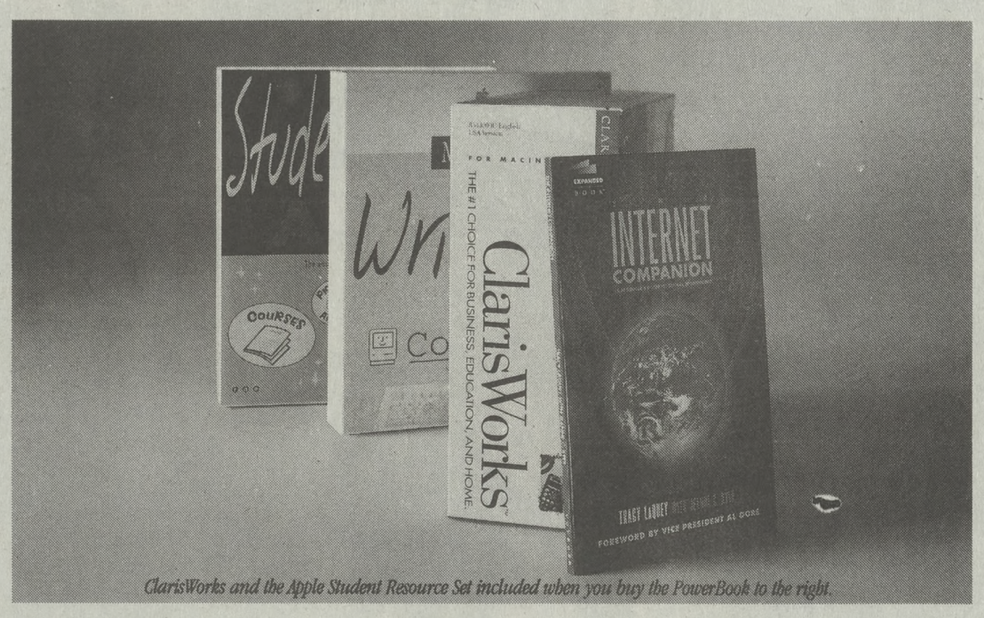

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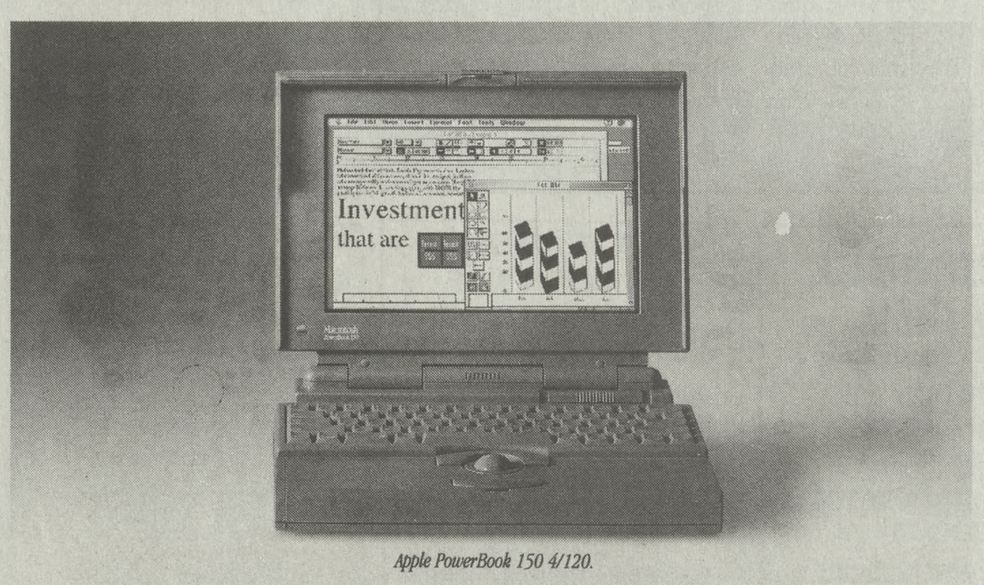

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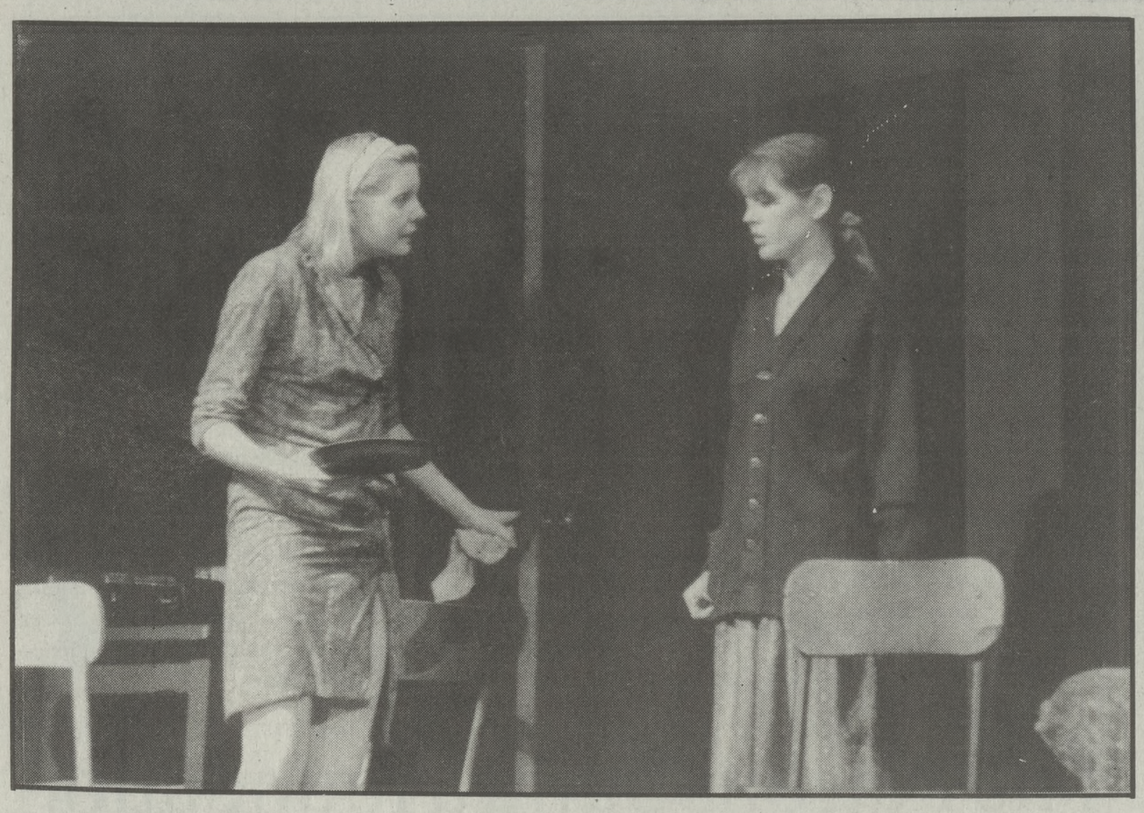

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Lea Ann Lynch (left) and Elizabeth Muscio (right) at a dress rehearsal.

A Tale of Two Mommies

Hyperactive pregnant mom finds friendship with smart-talking mother of two.

By HAROLD BROWN
Valley Star Staff Writer

The Shoebox Theater, a campus playhouse which puts on one act productions weekly, was the place for an all student production of the play "Sally and Marsha," a novel by Sybill Pearson.

Lee Averre, directed and played the part of Sally. She was a replacement for Lea Ann Lynch for the final performance. Elizabeth Muscio, played Marsha.

The play is about two housewives that find friendship through boredom. Sally is a combination of a silly, naive, fast-talking, hyperactive pregnant mom with two children. Marsha is a cold, smart talking, insecure mother of two who lives across the hall.

The scene is a New York apartment where Sally hides all the time, wearing a faded yellow sundress and chrome yellow Cuban heel shoes. She is oblivious of the outside world. She also complains of cockroaches, to which Marsha responds, "...everybody in New York has cockroaches, Barbara Streisand has cockroaches."

I really enjoyed the play because the slow wittiness on the part of Sally while responding to Marsha gave this play liveliness. Marsha's constant look of disbelief of comments kept me chuckling to myself.

Ed Wood is not dead wood

By SHAWN WYLIE
Valley Star Staff Writer

Ed Wood, opening nationwide Oct. 7, is an entertaining and unique movie. It's a black and white film. Yet, the viewer seems to get wrapped up in the movie as if they were part of the cast.

Those that are familiar with the directing or acting aspects of the film industry will especially love Ed Wood because of the many jokes about the industry.

Johnny Depp, plays Ed Wood, an unusual and aspiring film director. He stops at nothing to fulfill his dream of becoming a famous director. To create and work, Wood will say or do anything.

The movie features an all star cast with Martin Landau, Bill Murray, Patricia Arquette, and Sarah Jessica Parker. All give an outstanding performance. The writers should be commended; their work is fresh, which is rare.

Everybody is going outdoors

By REBECCA CAMARENA
Valley Star Staff Writer

Imagine for a moment, beautiful scenery, and fresh air. Imagine now, being close to nature, enjoying the feeling of pushing yourself to your limits in sports such as hiking, skiing, and mountain biking. All this and more is part of The Outdoor Club.

Membership is open to all students and no experience is necessary for any sport. According to Christian Olson, vice president, the club would like to have groups of beginners, intermediate and advanced levels once the membership increases. The club meets Wednesdays and Fridays at 12 p.m. in H113.

Many levels are offered, from beginner to advanced, from the easiest, a day at the beach, to the most demanding of sports, mountain biking. Other sports range from bike riding, snowboarding or water rafting. "The Outdoors Club is for all those students who want to meet other students who have the same interests and enjoy learning different outdoor sports." said Olson.

Members spent a day at the beach earlier this semester and both daytime and nighttime hiking has been explored. Activities are planned for every weekend with one to, two weeks notice. Friday nights are scheduled for hiking. Depending on the weather, other events are planned for Saturday and Sunday's.

Plans are underway for a weekend ski trip between November and January.

Club member Corina Avalos said, It's a lot of fun, you meet a lot of people and everyone helps each other."

"We want to have enough people experienced in all sports so that they can guide others to learn." said Olson. "We try to strive for more than one sport at a time so everyone can participate," said member Adina Rubin.

Four funny farces for free

By HAROLD BROWN
Valley Star Staff Writer

Coming to The Shoebox Theatre, Oct. 7th and 8th, four short one act plays.

The Big Black Box with Alaa Khaled, who plays, Arnold, a shy and gullible bi-spectacle guy who talks to a box. Amy-Marie Erhardt plays the big black box.

Diary Christine Ricci plays Jenny who returns to her apartment to find a man. Steve Downs plays the young man who happens to be the reincarnation of the man in Jenny's diary.

Owl The scene is the doctor's office, which is really an animal store. Robert Thomas plays Dr. Holleyhock, Sean Patrick Rielly plays Benjamin L. Franklin the owl.

The Doublers John Gourdoux and Deborah Renee Lande play the parts of John and Grannie Doubler. The scene is their backyard in a spaceship trying to leave earth before it crashes into the sun.

IMS Filmex Fall '94 Schedule

All films cre shown on campus on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. All films are shown in BSc 101.

October 12:
Gorillas in the Mist: The Adventure of Dian Fossey starring Sigourney Weaver, Brian Brown, and Julie Harris. Directed by Michael Apted, 1975, 129 mins.

October 19:
The Best Years of Our Lives starring Myrna Loy, Fredric March, Dana Andrews, Teresa Wright and Harold Russell. Directed by William Wyler, 1946, B&W, 170 mins.

October 26:
The Guns of August combines extraordinary filmed footage, photographs and graphics to create one of the most absorbing, disturbing and candid accounts ever made of World War I. 1965, B&W, 100 mins.

November 2:
Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra* starring Richard Johnson, Janet Suzman, Patrick Stewart and Corin Redgrave. London's Royal Shakespeare Company directed by John Scoffield. 1974, 161 mins.

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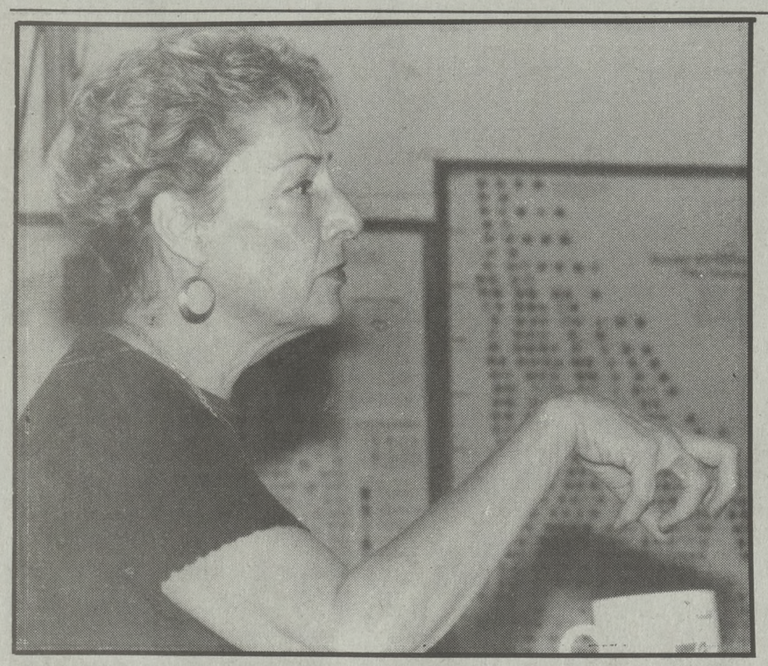

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Pat Allen teaches sociology in her animated fashion.

Professor digs sociology and gets down to the roots

By SANDY CARRANZA
Valley Star Staff Writer

Pat Allen said, "I hope to be in the classroom at 85, and when people think of Pat Allen, I hope they think, 'Pat Allen worked for justice.'"

Allen said that her life revolves around meetings. "My husband accuses me of going to meetings to plan meetings."

Allen has been teaching sociology for 30 years. "It had the answers to all the questions I ever had. I love teaching it and the research behind the study of sociology, is just fascinating."

Allen lives and breathes sociology. "My idea of a good day is to go out to the garden and get my fingernails dirty; get hot and sweaty and fight the elements."

Married with two kids, Allen said that she would have liked them to have pursued sociology, she says, "They sure showed me. Neither went to college, no, wait, one went to a technical school."

Allen became interested in social matters after taking a sociology class at UCLA. "I was bored out of my mind. I already had a degree. I decided to take the class just to have something different to do. I didn't know anything about sociology."

Life influences came from three different women in Allen's life. One of her first employers, Allen considered to be a true intellectual. "She expected me to be creative and open and curious."

Another influence came from a fellow demonstrator, a card carrying member of the Communist Party. "She taught me the ills of the world from her point of view, which became my point of view, although I never did become a Communist."

A Valley instructor also influenced Allen, "She taught me a lot about sexism and discrimination. She became a mentor." Allen is a feminist who was, and still is, interested in the fight for human rights and equality.

Climbing steps for hope and a new life

By DAVID HELLESKOV
Feature Editor

Smoke rises from a burned-out base pipe, a sparrow chirps with dawn's first light and an addict's worst nightmare begins, the next morning. It's about 6 a.m. Broken bottles are thrown around a small living room and a group of adolescents wake up to a new day, never remembering the night before. As one individual reaches for a cup of coffee, they ponder if there's another way to live.

John, two years clean now, used drugs and alcohol daily for 17 years. He attempted to stop a million times a million different ways and nothing worked. "Two years ago, at six feet and 118 pounds, I had a lung infection so bad, I'd have to put ice in my mouth in order to take hits off the base pipe. I was also homeless, unemployed, unemployable and literally hopeless." Then he got help.

Cocaine Anonymous (CA) is a 12-step recovery program, similar to Alcoholics and Smokers Anonymous.

Meetings are held weekly. CA helps cocaine and other mind-altering substance abusers kick their habits. The 12 steps are designed to turn the addict into a useful member of society through a spiritual way of life.

Tom, a music major at Valley said, "With 6 years of sobriety, I am dual-addicted, which involves a primary and secondary addiction. I used cocaine. . .and hit my bottom on alcohol and marijuana. Being clean has enabled me to go back to school and study music. CA has taught me discipline, study habits, and to know my limitations and work within them.

Raven, a Valley nursing major, said, "CA got me where I am now. When I was having problems with drugs and alcohol, I used cocaine to study. People in my peer group were experiencing the same kind of problems I was, and when I felt different, I felt right at home."

"I have an addictive personality, and the people kept me coming back. I cannot control anybody else, not even myself. In relationships, the most important thing is to have my space. It would be great to have a CA meeting on campus to keep myself closer to sobriety."

CA primarily has young adults at meetings, and has been in the San Fernando Valley, for approximately 10 years.

From the diverse, though not unique stories mentioned above, there is an easier, softer way, according to the testimony of countless cocaine addicts, CA means life.

Technology

Negligence: Another form of computer crime

By CHARLOTTE BOBLOW
Valley Star Staff Writer

Don't respect a computer and see what happens. Choke this device with documents, suffocate it, block its air passages with materials and then look out. If it is shut down with a pull of the plug, or any of its vital parts are taken away, then beware. Consider this console and screen as a friend. Use it, don't abuse it.

Newsweek, May 1993 talks of the new Interactive Technology as a "world at your fingertips." Imagine data that's shared among Valley College departments and realize future knowledge from the Library of Congress and other vital places around the globe. But will this quality circuitry continue to be endless?

Not if careless treatment is allowed. Not if crowded devices sit in hot, humid classrooms. Not if dust builds up on the screen and sticky keys turn sluggish. Harassed with noisy chatter and exhausted with powerful usage and overloaded and abused computer crashes.

Probably a user has experienced an unsaved document that freezes or zips off the screen. Witnesses in long lines can testify to that not infrequent phrase given by some overworked and harried counter clerks mumbling quietly, "Sorry, the computers are down, the heat you know."

Check the IBM clones teeming in a word processing classroom. Has anyone ever wiped the screens on this user-friendly console. Enter the Valley Star bungalow and walk through its catacombs, computers in every corner and the heat; it leaves people gasping, "This place feels like an oven."

Read The Complete Guide to Care and Maintenance for the IBM by Herb Friedman or view a Macintosh maintenance guide and note the list of do's and don'ts. Negligence causes data loss and computer failure.

Meet Kevin Bartlett, a computer technician who repairs campus computers.

He is troubled by certain difficulties a person can avoid. Bartlett, a student with 11 years of computer experience speaks about several of these problems.

"The worst thing I've seen is putting in a second disk while the first one is already in the computer. This jams both disks, he says." Another problem disturbing Bartlett is the heat during the summer building up in computer rooms.

"In addition, rain increases humidity, causing a green-house effect." Bartlett said, "This can happen on Friday, after four in the afternoon, when the windows are closed and the rooms are shut tight."

Enjoy the computer. Learn from it. Use it and save frequently. Use it, but don't abuse this prized invention.

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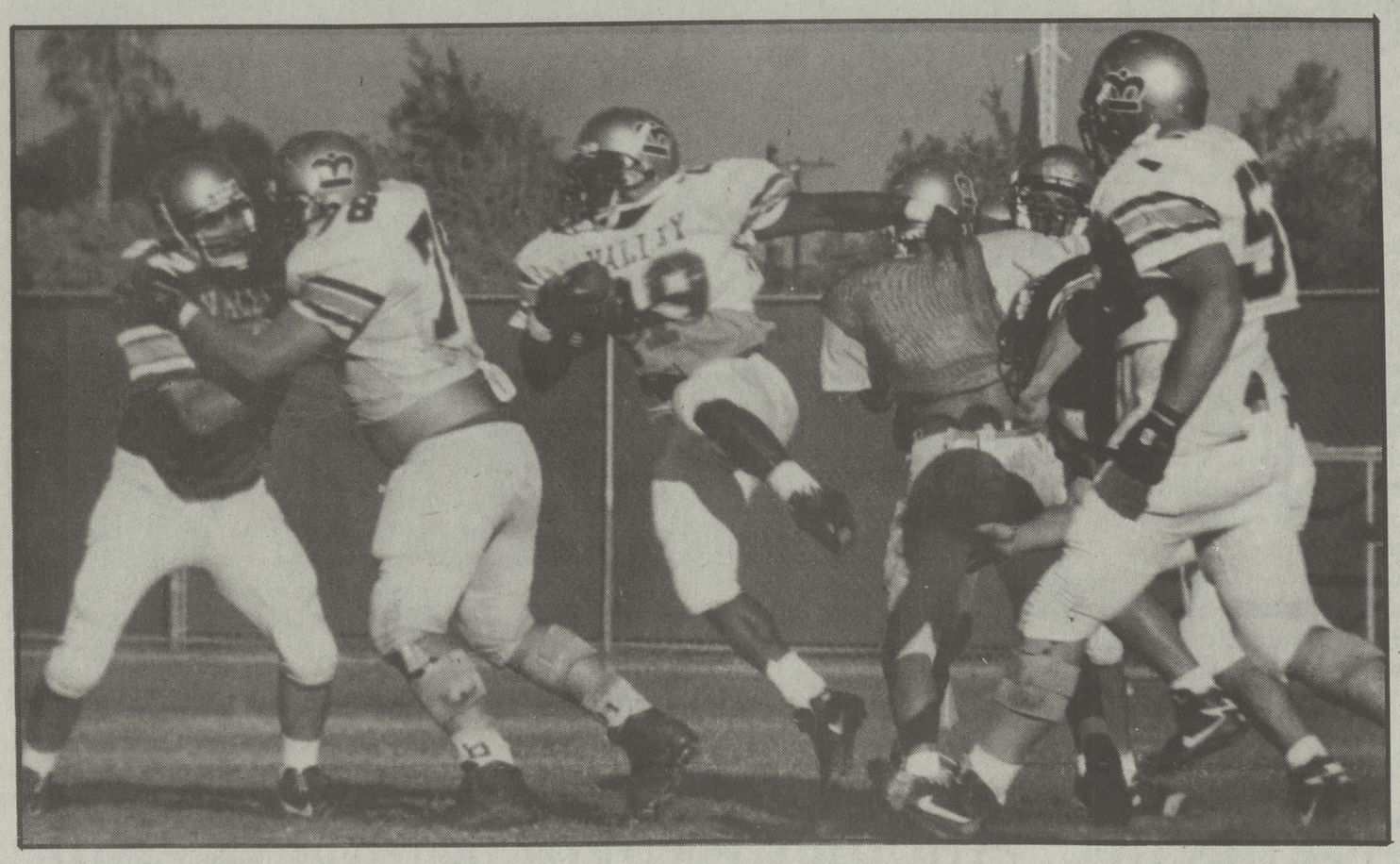

Monarchs victorious again

Comer ties Valley's all-time pass reception record in Hancock game.

By AARON DORN
Valley Star Staff Writer

Valley continued its impressive season with a 36-25 victory over Hancock college October 1 at Righetti High School.

Commenting on his team's impressive season and a possible bowl game, Head Coach Jim Fenwick said, "A bowl game's on everyone's mind, but we don't want to look past Southwest. We're trying to get better each week as a team and improve on our mistakes."

Wide receiver Brian Comer tied the Valley College career receiving record of 84 receptions with former Monarch, Rob Mottram. Comer, who caught 7 passes for 109 yards, caught a 10 yard scoring pass from quarterback Jim Arrellanes with 18 seconds remaining in the first half, which gave the Monarchs a 15-12 halftime lead.

The Hancock Bulldogs took a six to nothing lead with a 10 yard touchdown run by running back Reggie Etheridge with 44 seconds remaining in the first quarter. Valley answered with three field goals of 28, 34 and 35 yards by kicker Tim Cronk in the second quarter.

With 46 seconds remaining in the first half, Hancock quarterback Mark Sitarski hooked up with Etheridge for a 54 yard touchdown pass and a 12-9 lead. After a pass interference call against Hancock on a pass to Richard Gill, Arrellanes and Comer hooked up for the touchdown giving Valley a halftime lead that they did not relinquish.

The Monarchs opened up the second half scoring with a three yard touchdown run by Deriek Charles. Charles, who had an impressive game with 21 carries for 107 yards, also scored on a five yard run with 13:28 remaining in the game to give Valley a 29-19 lead.

After Charles' first touchdown run, Hancock scored on a 7 yard touchdown run by Geoffrey Snowden to make the score 22-19. Valley put the game in the bag with Charles' second touchdown run and a nine yard touchdown pass from Arrellanes to Gill, which gave the Monarchs a 36-19 lead.

Hancock put together one last scoring drive and capped it off with a five yard touchdown run by Channcey Labrie with 2:22 left in the game.

Quarterback Jim Arrellanes added to his impressive season stats by completing 21 of 40 passes for 340 yards and two touchdowns.

Valley will play host to the Los Angeles Southwest Cougars this Saturday night at Monarch Stadium. Valley, outscored 38-35 by the Cougars last year, is going into the game with a 4-0 record in Western State Conference play.

Valley coach wouldn't do anything else

By REBECCA LEFLER
Valley Star Staff Writer

Valley College is fortunate to have as a teacher and a coach, Christopher "C.J." Johnson. Johnson said that he doesn't know what he would do if he was not a teacher or a coach. He never wanted to do anything else.

Johnson describes his lifetime goal as "basic" and "simple." One of his goals is to stay married forever. Another is to provide every opportunity for achievement to his children Shawna, 7, and Tyler, 3.

Johnson enjoys teaching and coaching. He began coaching baseball at Ventura College when his hopes of a professional baseball career were shattered by several shoulder injuries. Not wanting to leave baseball behind, Johnson began to try to pass on what he knew about the sport.

Although coaching is a primary goal, Johnson also teaches. "It takes time but it is worth it." Teaching also helps Johnson get his mind off of things, such as team losses.

The ultimate accomplishment for Johnson is not money, but "to help a younger person in the right direction." He is not interested in pushing anyone to do the right thing, but to help guide young people.

As a family man, he says the best things that has ever happened to him was his marriage and the births of his two children. Johnson's dedication is to keep his family intact, and to be a positive influence for his children.

Valley Athlete of the Month September

Vital Stats

Name: Jim Arrellanes
Grade: Sophomore
High School Attended: El Rancho, Pico Rivera
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 207
Position: Quarterback
Completions: 28 for 40 vs. Santa Barbara, 17 for 26 vs. West LA, 12 for 25 vs. Glendale, 21 for 40 vs. Hancock
Facts: Arrellanes started the season against Santa Barbara with 403 yards and 3 TD's, giving him the Western State Conference Offensive Player of the Week. In the next two games, Arrellanes threw for 212 yards and 1 TD against West L.A. and 147 yards against Glendale. Last week against Hancock, he threw for 340 yards with 2 TD's.

With a four game total of 1147 yards, 8 TD's and a pass completion of 60%, Arrellanes is in the top 10 in all Quarterback categories at the state level.

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